

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT
SATURDAY, JULY 2, 2005 – 0800 MDT
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2

CURRENT SITUATION:

Initial attack activity was moderate nationally with 195 fires reported. Three new large fires were reported, two in the Southern Area and one in the Rocky Mountain Area. Three large fires were contained, one each in the Western Great Basin, Eastern Great Basin and Southern Areas. Very high to extreme fire indices were reported in Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, New Mexico, Nevada, Texas and Utah.

SOUTHWEST AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:

CAVE CREEK COMPLEX, Tonto National Forest. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Whitney) is assigned to manage the South Zone. Another Type 1 Incident Management Team (Oltrogge) is assigned to manage the North Zone. This complex, comprised of the Lousy, Broad and Cave Creek fires is six miles northeast of Carefree, AZ in chaparral. The communities of Camp Verde, Pine and Strawberry, the Agua Fria National Monument, the Pine Mountain and Cedar Bench Wilderness areas, endangered species habitat, archeological resources and high voltage power lines remain threatened. Structure protection remains in place. Burn out operations were successful in mitigating much of the threat to the community of Black Canyon. The fire spotted over the New River and has spread on to the New River Mesa.

HOME, Phoenix Field Office, Bureau of Land Management. This fire is 15 miles southeast of Gila Bend, AZ in grass. The fire is located on a Department of Defense bombing range containing live munitions, which is preventing access to the area. Extreme fire runs occurred.

SAND TANK, Phoenix Field Office, Bureau of Land Management. This fire is five miles southwest of Gila Bend, AZ in grass. The fire is located on a Department of Defense range containing unexploded ordnance, making suppression actions difficult. Running fire behavior was reported. Burn out operations were completed.

DRAGON COMPLEX, Grand Canyon National Park. A Fire Use Management Team (Clark) is assigned. This lightning-caused Wildland Fire Use (WFU) complex, comprised of the Dragon, Spine, Basin and Marble fires is 10 miles north of Grand Canyon Village, AZ in ponderosa pine, aspen and dead and down fuel. The complex is being managed to accomplish multiple resource objectives. Low to moderate fire behavior was reported.

SNAKE RIDGE, Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest. This fire is 12 miles northeast of Clifton, AZ in grass. Interior burning was reported. The fire will be in monitor status with no expected spread. This will be the last report unless significant activity occurs.

WEST ESTRELLA, Pima Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs. This fire is five miles southwest of Laveen, AZ in mesquite, brush and grass. Occasional flare-ups were reported.

GHOST, Tonto National Forest. This fire is five miles north of Apache Junction, AZ in grass and brush. No new information was reported. This will be the last report unless new information is received.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
CAVE CREEK COMPLEX	AZ	TNF	214,300	37	UNK	1,696	37	73	17	11	9.37M	N/A
HOME	AZ	PHD	1,450	0	UNK	5	0	1	0	0	NR	BLM
SAND TANK	AZ	PHD	7,000	10	UNK	23	0	6	0	0	NR	BLM
DRAGON COMPLEX - WFU	AZ	GCP	220	N/A	N/A	35	0	0	1	0	NR	NPS
SNAKE RIDGE	AZ	ASF	2,500	NR	7/31	21	0	0	1	0	35K	FS
WEST ESTRELLA	AZ	PMA	300	50	7/3	58	3	2	2	0	20K	BIA
GHOST	AZ	TNF	500	20	UNK	114	3	12	2	3	NR	FS
NORTH GILA COMPLEX - WFU	NM	GNF	15,357	N/A	N/A	82	3	3	0	0	916K	FS
BLACK RANGE COMPLEX - WFU	NM	GNF	32,020	N/A	N/A	41	2	3	1	0	609K	FS
MUDERSBACH - WFU	AZ	KNF	365	N/A	N/A	5	0	1	0	0	NR	FS
MATUCK	AZ	TCA	888	100	---	UNK	3	0	2	0	NR	BIA

GNF = Gila National Forest

TCA=Truxton Canon Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs

EASTERN GREAT BASIN AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:

DIAMOND COMPLEX, Cedar City Field Office, Bureau of Land Management. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Saleen) is assigned. This complex, comprised of the Diamond Valley, Wide Canyon, Jarvis Peak, Hollow Wash, Cottonwood and Plateau fires, is eight miles north of St. George, UT in grass, pinyon, juniper and brush. The domestic watershed for the St. George community, grazing allotments, Desert Tortoise habitat and wilderness areas remain threatened. The fire continues to burn actively on the Diamond Valley and Wide Canyon fires. The Cottonwood fire was contained, and the Plateau fire was controlled.

BLUE SPRING, Dixie National Forest. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Muir) is assigned. This fire is three miles north of Leeds, UT in grass, pinyon and oak brush. Fire behavior was minimal with some hot spots reported.

BUZZARD, Arizona Strip Field Office, Bureau of Land Management. This fire is 12 miles east of Fredonia, AZ in grass, pinyon, juniper and brush. Running, crowning and torching were observed.

TWEEDY POINT, Arizona Strip Field Office, Bureau of Land Management. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Thomas) is assigned. This fire is 32 miles south of St. George, UT in grass, pinyon, juniper and sage. The fire's remote location is making access difficult. Some short runs and spotting were reported.

HARRISBURG CREEK, Dixie National Forest. This fire is four miles west of Leeds, UT in pinyon, juniper and brush. A structure at Danish Ranch is threatened. Unburned fuel within the interior continued to burn and some spotting was observed.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
DIAMOND COMPLEX	UT	CCD	11,128	75	7/4	726	21	26	5	0	800K	BLM
BLUE SPRING	UT	DIF	12,286	75	7/3	531	17	43	4	0	3.1M	FS
BUZZARD	AZ	ASD	1,200	10	UNK	128	4	11	1	0	NR	BLM
TWEEDY POINT	AZ	ASD	39,100	45	7/10	461	13	16	2	0	628K	BLM
HARRISBURG CREEK	UT	DIF	540	45	7/5	45	1	6	0	0	NR	FS
MT BANGS COMPLEX	AZ	ASD	31,112	100	--	182	6	18	3	0	1.3M	N/A

WESTERN GREAT BASIN INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:

FORK, Las Vegas Field Office, Bureau of Land Management. A Type 1 Incident Management Team (Krugman) is assigned. This fire is 35 miles south of Mesquite, NV in grass, pinyon and juniper. Lake Mead National Recreation Area, mining claim improvements, Lime Canyon and Jumbo Springs Wilderness areas, Million Hills Wilderness Study Area, communication sites, and Desert Tortoise habitat remain threatened. Active fire behavior was reported at higher elevations. Reduction in acreage is due to more accurate mapping.

SOUTHERN NEVADA COMPLEX, A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Suwyn) is assigned. This complex, comprised of the South Desert Complex, Mesquite Complex, Delamar, Valeyrmo and Mormon Fires is near Mesquite, NV in grass, pinyon and juniper. The Mormon fire merged with the Tule, Toquap, and Duzak fires. Structure protection for the town of Motoqua remains in place. Wilderness areas, Caliente municipal watershed, and Desert Tortoise habitat remain threatened. The Meadow Valley fire is continuing to threaten Ella Mountain lookout and communication sites. Rapid rates of spread and active fire behavior were reported.

GOOD SPRINGS, Las Vegas Field Office, Bureau of Land Management. This fire is 11 miles northwest of Jean, NV in joshua trees, juniper, brush and grass. Poor access and rough terrain are slowing control efforts.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
FORK	NV	LVD	41,000	30	UNK	220	5	5	3	0	268K	BLM
SOUTHERN NEVADA COMPLEX	NV	LVD	538,142	75	UNK	829	22	28	9	0	4.47M	BLM
GOOD SPRINGS	NV	LVD	33,569	97	7/4	118	4	5	1	0	NR	BLM

ALASKA AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:

KING COUNTY CREEK, Kenai-Kodiak Area Forestry. A Type 2 Incident Management Team (Doty) is assigned. This fire started on Fish and Wildlife Service land 13 miles southeast of Sterling, AK in black spruce, mixed hardwoods and dead and down beetle killed spruce. Residences and commercial property remain threatened. Fire activity increased with clearing weather.

MISSION CREEK, Alaska Fire Service, Tanana Zone. This fire is five miles northeast of Tanana, AK in black spruce and hardwoods. The community of Tanana, native allotments with two structures and fish camps are threatened. Fire behavior was minimal.

LOST HORSE CREEK, State of Alaska, Fairbanks Area Forestry. This fire is 25 miles north of Fairbanks, AK in black spruce, mixed hardwoods and tundra. Residences along Wickersham Creek and a military site remain threatened. The fire received some precipitation. Creeping fire behavior was reported.

CHAPMAN CREEK, Alaska Fire Service, Northern Field Office. This fire is eight miles south of Coldfoot, AK in black spruce and tundra. The community of Coldfoot remains threatened. Minimal fire behavior was reported.

LONG LAKE, Alaska Fire Service, Upper Yukon Zone. This fire started on Fish and Wildlife Service land 13 miles northwest of Beaver, AK in mixed hardwoods, black spruce and brush. The community of Beaver and Native corporate lands and allotments are threatened. Precipitation has minimized fire behavior.

SHEENJEK RIVER, Alaska Fire Service, Upper Yukon Zone. This fire started on Fish and Wildlife Service land six miles northeast of Ft. Yukon, AK in birch, aspen, black and white spruce. Cabins and allotments remain threatened. Isolated torching and a backing surface fire were observed.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
KING COUNTY CREEK	AK	KKS	10,100	15	7/13	260	9	17	3	0	442K	FWS
MISSION CREEK	AK	TAD	1,744	20	UNK	109	6	0	1	0	37K	BLM
LOST HORSE CREEK	AK	FAS	2,215	5	UNK	73	4	0	0	0	179K	ST
CHAPMAN CREEK	AK	NOD	116,000	5	UNK	141	7	1	3	0	1.80M	ST
LONG LAKE	AK	UYD	407	60	7/2	112	6	0	0	0	NR	FWS
SHEENJEK RIVER	AK	UYD	83,936	60	UNK	51	2	0	2	0	NR	FWS

SOUTHERN AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:

HARRY LOWE, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. This fire started on private land eight miles northeast of Cloudy, OK in grass, sage, and pine plantation. Precipitation allowed for good progress towards containment.

LONE GROVE, Texas Forest Service. This fire started on private land 15 miles northeast of Llano, TX in grass, brush and cedar. Progress was made on the fire and air support provided protection for two threatened cabins.

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HARRY LOWE	OK	OKS	1,100	75	7/3	18	0	4		0	NR	PRI
LONE GROVE	TX	TXS	550	90	7/2	38	0	5	2	0	NR	PRI
ROCKY RIDGE	TX	TXS	600	100	---	0	0	0	0	0	NR	ST

ROCKY MOUNTAIN AREA INCIDENTS / LARGE FIRES:

WELL 2, Ute Mountain Ute Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs. This fire is eight miles southwest of Red Mesa, CO in pinyon, juniper and grass. Aerial support assisted with containment efforts. Big game winter range and archeological sites are threatened. Isolated torching and spotting were reported.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD	ORIGIN OWN
WELL 2	CO	UMA	377	70	7/2	160	5	16	1	0	NR	BIA
RIO BLANCO - WFU	CO	SJF	400	N/A	N/A	15	0	0	0	0	NR	FS

SJF = San Juan National Forest

OUTLOOK:

Red Flag Warning: For Saturday in northwestern Nevada for gusty winds and low relative humidity.

Weather Discussion: A trough moving across the Pacific Northwest and Northern Rockies will bring windy conditions to portions of the Intermountain West. In Alaska, a low pressure system over the area will bring cooler and wetter weather for the weekend.

Geographic Area Weather	High Temperatures	Minimum Relative Humidity	Wind
Southwest Mostly sunny, hot and very dry Arizona and western New Mexico. Partly cloudy with a few thunderstorms eastern New Mexico and west Texas.	Mountains: 70 to 90. Lower elevations: 90 to 112.	2 to 15%. Eastern New Mexico and west Texas: 15 to 30%.	West to southwest 5 to 15 mph with gusts 20 to 25 mph Arizona and western New Mexico. South to southeast 10 to 20 mph eastern New Mexico and west Texas.
Western Great Basin Sunny and hot with a few afternoon cumulus buildups in northern and central Nevada.	North Valleys: 84 to 100. South Valleys: 95 to 112. Mountains: 76 to 95.	North Valleys: 8 to 23%. South Valleys: 4 to 10%. Mountains: 5 to 25%.	North: Southwest to west 10 to 15 mph with afternoon gusts to 35 mph. South: Southwest 10 mph with afternoon gusts to 20 mph.
Southern California Morning low clouds and fog coastal areas, otherwise sunny.	Mountains: 80 to 95. Valleys: 90 to 102. Upper deserts: 95 to 102. Lower deserts: 110 to 118.	5 to 15%.	Southwest to northwest 5 to 15 mph.
Northern California Fair and quite warm inland, with cooler weather and areas of fog along the coast.	Coast: 60s to near 80. Inland: 80s to near 100.	Inland: 12 to 24%. Coast: 50% or greater.	Variable under 12 mph, except in afternoon. Southwest to northwest 5 to 13 mph with gusts 20 to 25 mph from the Cascade and Sierra crests eastward.



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DOWNHILL FIRELINE CONSTRUCTION CHECKLIST

Downhill fireline construction is hazardous in steep terrain, fast-burning fuels, or rapidly changing weather. Downhill fireline construction should not be attempted unless there is no tactical alternative. When building downhill fireline, the following is required:

- Crew supervisor(s) and fireline overhead will discuss assignments prior to committing crew(s). Responsible overhead individual (TFLD or ICT4 qualified or better) will stay with job until completed.
- Decision will be made after proposed fireline has been scouted by supervisor(s) of involved crew(s).
- LCES will be coordinated for all personnel involved.
 - Crew supervisor(s) is in direct contact with lookout who can see the fire.
 - Communication is established between all crews.
 - Ensure rapid access to safety zone(s) in case fire crosses below crew(s).
- Direct attack will be used whenever possible; if not possible, the fireline should be completed between anchor points before being fired out.
- Fireline will not lie in or adjacent to a chute or chimney.
- Starting point will be anchored for crew(s) building fireline down from the top.
- Bottom of the fire will be monitored; if the potential exists for the fire to spread, action will be taken to secure the fire edge.

FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES		1	2		4	0	7
	ACRES		63,873	1,984		8,350	2	74,209
Northwest	FIRES		1			1	2	4
	ACRES		3			1	0	4
Northern California	FIRES		1			17	1	19
	ACRES		0			6	0	6
Southern California	FIRES		1			23	3	27
	ACRES		5			141	0	146
Northern Rockies	FIRES					1	1	2
	ACRES					0	0	0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		10			4	2	16
	ACRES		163			2	5	170
Western Great Basin	FIRES		1		1			2
	ACRES		48,047		2			48,049
Southwest	FIRES	14	4	1		3	4	26
	ACRES	10	464	0		0	14,935	15,409
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	4	1		2	1	1	9
	ACRES	4	0		0	0	0	4
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES	10				73		83
	ACRES	111				688		799
TOTAL	FIRES	28	20	3	3	127	14	195
	ACRES	125	112,555	1,984	2	9,188	14,942	138,796

FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES	2	56	37	15	243	12	365
	ACRES	3	366,846	149,343	4,073	54,712	332	575,309
Northwest	FIRES	47	30	6	13	373	143	612
	ACRES	343	22	9	5	32,102	62	32,543
Northern California	FIRES		3	1		508	103	615
	ACRES		0	0		2,496	43	2,539
Southern California	FIRES	18	35	7	14	891	161	1,126
	ACRES	115	1,089	126	51,003	17,219	95	69,647
Northern Rockies	FIRES	271	9	16		124	63	483
	ACRES	4,564	186	913		1,617	1,319	8,599
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	5	197	2	14	151	74	443
	ACRES	811	106,333	1	52	5,344	877	113,418
Western Great Basin	FIRES	1	117	8	12	14	17	169
	ACRES	0	751,681	6,572	49	21,017	107	779,426
Southwest	FIRES	981	121	11	27	706	566	2,412
	ACRES	13,670	115,976	9,249	276	47,196	265,610	451,977
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	150	122	19	16	177	117	601
	ACRES	2,700	274	172	11	14,937	1,716	19,810
Eastern Area	FIRES	496		32	34	7,421	422	8,405
	ACRES	7,052		1,719	943	54,615	7,664	71,993
Southern Area	FIRES	170		105	33	14,503	410	15,221
	ACRES	25,972		18,200	1,829	157,270	10,778	214,049
TOTAL	FIRES	2,141	690	244	178	25,111	2,088	30,452
	ACRES	55,230	1,342,407	186,304	58,241	408,525	288,603	2,339,310

Ten Year Average Fires	42,555
Ten Year Average Acres	1,386,067

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PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YESTERDAY:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						19	19
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES				0			0
	ACRES				5			5
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES						0	0
	ACRES						60	60
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
	ACRES	0	0	0	5	0	79	84

PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES					4		4
	ACRES					626		626
Northwest	FIRES	18	91	58	2		196	365
	ACRES	5,651	12,267	3,273	249		17,851	39,291
Northern California	FIRES	12	20	134	24		165	355
	ACRES	188	1,098	24,724	2,690		18,338	47,038
Southern California	FIRES	1	5	4	13		79	102
	ACRES	1,000	282	8	2,424		6,819	10,533
Northern Rockies	FIRES	5	28	100	3	31	235	402
	ACRES	155	3,244	20,212	22	2,131	22,147	47,911
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES	1	16	4	1	10	39	71
	ACRES	1	7,049	711	11	128	9,595	17,495
Western Great Basin	FIRES		5	10			2	17
	ACRES		106	2,711			2,903	5,720
Southwest	FIRES	7	44	2	9		224	286
	ACRES	2,342	40,605	3,210	14,212		64,916	125,285
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	29	38	99	14	21	100	301
	ACRES	3,709	10,074	20,099	10,312	2,526	28,629	75,349
Eastern Area	FIRES	36		451	34	1,025	132	1,678
	ACRES	17,502		67,589	4,422	66,922	25,442	181,877
Southern Area	FIRES	34		145	46	385	1,065	1,675
	ACRES	7,180		78,698	27,168	249,547	877,934	1,240,527
TOTAL	FIRES	143	247	1,007	146	1,476	2,237	5,256
	ACRES	37,728	74,725	221,235	61,510	321,880	1,074,574	1,791,652

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WFU FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES				10			10
	ACRES				21,535			21,535
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						0	0
Southern California	FIRES				0			0
	ACRES				2			2
Northern Rockies	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						22	22
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES				2		4	6
	ACRES				1		3	4
Western Great Basin	FIRES		4					4
	ACRES		1					1
Southwest	FIRES				2	1	9	12
	ACRES				2,233	5	46,939	49,177
Rocky Mountain	FIRES		13		2		2	17
	ACRES		151		1		310	462
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES				5			5
	ACRES				102			102
TOTAL	FIRES	0	17	0	21	1	17	56
	ACRES	0	152	0	23,874	5	47,274	71,305

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CANADA FIRES AND HECTARES:

PROVINCES	FIRES YESTERDAY	HECTARES YESTERDAY	FIRES YEAR-TO-DATE	HECTARES YEAR-TO-DATE
British Columbia	12	10	479	26,726
Yukon Territory	11	320	58	87,122
Alberta	17	0	899	58,144
Northwest Territory	8	8	58	7,150
Saskatchewan	0	0	117	36,549
Manitoba	0	0	82	3,231
Ontario	6	1	400	16,203
Quebec	14	0	507	647,930
Newfoundland	1	0	89	2,708
New Brunswick	2	0	209	213
Nova Scotia	0	0	219	497
Prince Edward Island	0	0	0	0
National Parks	2	0	43	15,012
Total	73	339	3,160	901,484

RESOURCES STATUS: COMMITTED RESOURCES

AREA	CREWS FED	CREWS ST/OT	ENGS FED	ENGS ST/OT	HELI FED	HELI ST/OT	AIRT FED	AIRT ST/OT	OVRHD FED	OVRHD ST/OT
Alaska	23	13		18	6	3			109	63
Northwest	2								15	
Northern California	8	1	21	17	4	2				7
Southern California	8	15	21	11	6	2			25	9
Northern Rockies										
Eastern Great Basin	52	11	75	54	11	8			313	86
Western Great Basin	30	4	23	15	3	10			257	88
Southwest	47	1	30	71	9	13			432	251
Rocky Mountain	5	1	15	11	2				26	1
Eastern Area									1	
Southern Area				9		2				14
Total	175	46	185	206	41	40	0	0	1178	519

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